

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for enabling video content to be selected by a user via the Internet (140) and for distributing selected video content via a multichannel video broadcasting system, for the selected video content to be received on a multichannel receiver and displayed at the user's location on a TV monitor (150) or on a PC (160) provided with a TV display card, the system comprising:
 - a main video server (200) for supplying a plurality of selectable video contents (210,220,230);
 - an authorization server (300) accessible via the Internet for a user to transmit user commands to select video contents that are to be displayed immediately or with a delay;
 - a multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285); and
 - a distribution server (350) for supplying, from the main video server (200) to the broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285), selected video contents to be broadcast on channels of the broadcasting apparatus;
 - the system being arranged to select at least one channel that is available to broadcast a selected video content immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, thereby selecting only channel(s) that are available to broadcast at a designated starting time or times or range of starting times and that remain available to broadcast for the duration of the selected video content, and to provide an indication of the said selected channel(s) available to broadcast the selected video content, said indication of the said selected channel(s) being available to the user via the authorization server (300) and the Internet (140);
 - the system being arranged to initiate the broadcast of a selected video content on an indicated available channel immediately or with a delay in correspondence with said user command ; and
 - wherein the distribution server (350) is arranged to provide automated selection of one or more channels channel that is are available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command that sets a time or times or a range of times for broadcast, whereby
 - the distribution server is arranged to provide automated selection of channels available to broadcast that are further selectable by the user, or

- a channel or channels for broadcast is pre-selectable by the user and the distribution server is arranged to provide automated selection amongst the pre-selected channels of those channels that are available for broadcast.
~~—, or a partly automated selection of a channel assisted by a user command by automated selection of several channels available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command followed by the user selecting one among the several selected available channels.~~
2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the main video server (200) supplies live broadcasts (210), and stores and supplies recorded videos (220) and video-on-demand (230).
3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285) is a digital broadcasting apparatus having a broad bandwidth with several hundreds of channels.
4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus comprises a cable TV network (250).
5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus comprises a ground transmission station (280) arranged to transmit to a communications satellite (285).
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, comprising a processing system (320), connected with the main authorization server (300) to operate the main video server (200).
8. (Currently amended) A method for enabling a user to select a video content via the Internet (140) and for distributing selected video content via a multichannel video broadcasting system for the selected video content to be received on a multichannel receiver and displayed at the user's location on a TV monitor (150) or on a PC (160) provided with a TV display card, the method comprising:
- selecting, from a plurality of selectable video contents (210,220,230) that are stored on a main video server (200), video contents that are to be displayed immediately or with a delay, in response to user commands transmitted via the Internet (140);
 - supplying by a distribution server (350) selected video contents from the main video server (200) to a multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285), for the selected video content to be broadcast on an available channel of the broadcasting apparatus;
 - providing an automated a selection of at least one channel that is available to broadcast a selected video content immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, thereby selecting only channel(s) that are available to broadcast at a designated starting time or times or range of times and that remain available to broadcast for the duration of the selected video content;
 - providing an indication of the said selected channel(s) available to broadcast the selected video content, said indication of said selected channels being available to the user via an authorization server (300) and the Internet (140); and
 - initiating the broadcast of a selected video content on an the indicated channel immediately or with a delay in correspondence with said user command;
 - wherein the selection of one or more channels that are available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command that sets a time or times or a range of times for broadcast, is automated by the distribution server (350) whereby:

- the distribution server (350) provides automated selection of channels available to broadcast that are further selected by the user, or
- a channel or channels for broadcast is pre-selected by the user and the distribution server (350) provides automated selection amongst the pre-selected channels of those channels that are available for broadcast.
- ~~— wherein the selection of a channel that is available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command is automated when only one channel is available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, or is partly automated and assisted by a user command by automated selection of several channels available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command followed by the user selecting one among the several selected available channels.~~

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the video contents are selected from live broadcasts (210), recorded videos (220) and video-on-demand (230).

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 or 9, wherein the selected video contents are broadcast on a channel selected from a broad bandwidth with several hundreds of channels.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the selected video contents are broadcast on a channel of a cable TV network (250).

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the selected video contents are broadcast via a ground transmission station (280) that transmits to a communications satellite (285).

13. (Cancelled)